

# Office of Academics

## Teacher Professional Learning and Growth

### Alternative Certification Pathways Overview

The **Alternative Certification for Educators (ACE) Program** is a Professional Development Certification Program that is approved by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). All of the education semester hours listed on your Statement of Status of Eligibility (SOE) are satisfied through ACE when you successfully complete all tasks/assignments. All coursework is FREE, online, and self-paced.

The **Broward Educator Certification (BEC) Pathway** is a course-by-course one-year opportunity. You only take the classes you need towards earning an initial Professional Certificate. BEC is a partnership with Broward College (BC) and Florida Atlantic University (FAU). All classes are tuition FREE, online, and aligned to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs).

Both pathways begin in August/September of each school year. For application information, contact Teacher Professional Learning and Growth (TPLG) at [alternativecertification@browardschools.com](mailto:alternativecertification@browardschools.com).

**To participate in one of these pathways, you must have a valid Temporary Teaching Certificate and Statement of Status of Eligibility (SOE).**

#### Alternative Certification for Educators (ACE) Program

##### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time PreK-12 Classroom Teacher in a BCPS or an affiliated Charter school
- Must be teaching in-field (teaching what is on your Temporary Certificate)
- Possess a growth mindset to complete tasks and assignments online in a timely manner
- Passed all subtests of the General Knowledge Test (Reading, Math, English Language Skills, & Essay)
  - Completion of a master's degree or higher from an accredited postsecondary institution recognized by the FDOE will satisfy the General Knowledge Test requirement.
- Must attend the Mandatory Virtual ACE Orientation
- Cost: None

##### Program Expectations:

- Mastery of ALL assigned tasks aligned to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) submitted via electronic portfolio
- Successful completion of New Teacher Academy (NTA) as evidenced by LAB Transcript
- Completion of Reading Endorsement competencies per subject area:
  - PreK/Primary (Age 3 – Grade 3), Elementary (K-6), ESOL (K-12), Middle Grades English (5-9) and English (6-12) must complete Reading Endorsement competencies 1-5 OR successfully pass the Reading K-12 subject area exam
  - All others must complete Reading Endorsement competencies 1 & 2
- Ongoing District Coach Support will be provided

#### Broward Educator Certification (BEC) Pathway

##### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time PreK-12 Classroom Teacher or Instructional Staff in a BCPS or an affiliated Charter school
- Possess a growth mindset for college coursework
- Eligible to be enrolled at Broward College or Florida Atlantic University as a non-degree seeking student
- Must attend the Mandatory Virtual BEC Orientation
- Cost: One-time application fee and course materials

##### Pathway Expectations:

- Successful completion of all coursework with a grade of "C" or better
- Adhere to a provided Schedule of Courses
- District Coach Support available as needed

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